

Boxborough Conservation Commission Meeting

Minutes

Wednesday July 18, 2012

Town Hall

Members present: David Koonce, Dennis Reip, Chairman, David Follett and Norm Hanover.

Members absent: Charlene Golden, Rick Williamson.

Dennis called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

The wording on the Quitclaim Deed for parcel Lot C on Hughes Lane was modified by Town Counsel. Motion was made by Dennis, seconded by Norm and unanimously voted to approve and sign the revised deed.

Motion was made by David Koonce, seconded by Dennis and voted 4 – 0 to approve the corrected minutes of June 20, 2012.

Motion was made by David Follett, seconded by Dennis and voted 4 – 0 to approve the minutes of July 11, 2012.

Town Counsel has sent a letter regarding encroachment to the 3 abutters to Flerra Meadows.


Motion was made by Dennis, seconded by David Koonce and unanimously voted to approve the letter to the BoS for input relative to Minuteman Village and the response to MassHousing. The approved version contained modifications suggested by the Town Planner.

Jim Faulkner was present to discuss the use of goats to battle invasives at Rolling Meadows. After 3 months the goats have been moved. The buckthorn, bittersweet and multiflora rose were brought into control and the area cleared. Goats eat vegetation up to 4' to 5'. Larger diameter trees and shrubs were chipped by Faulkner and the DPW. Twenty-two (22) goats were used to clear the 1.5 – 2 acres. They also eat white pine needles but not the bark. To use this technique on the rest of Rolling Meadows more electric fence is needed. There was some discussion on running a monofilament, high voltage supply line. This has some advantage vs. solar supply, 120v supply and batteries. Motion was made by David Koonce, seconded by Dennis and voted 4 – 0 to authorize Jim Faulkner to buy fence and electric supply not to exceed \$1,000.00. This equipment will be the property of the Commission

The Boxborough Meadows Trustees were present to discuss the outstanding items on the OoC. They plan to work with a wetland consultant regarding the wetland replication. The second issue discussed was the fence, planting, or stone wall that is needed between the wetland and houses closest to Rt. 111. It is not clear whether a new OoC will be required for the site work. Stamski and McNary did the original civil engineering work. The Trustees will return to the Commission with a plan.

113-503 34 Mass Ave. The applicant was present with questions about the final location of boulders, whether they could be partially buried, pushed into the berm or put on top of the berm. The Commission took the position that the boulders can be placed in any of these options but, if moved by snow plows, need to be replaced. A new amended plan will be submitted.

Motion was made by David Koonce, seconded by Dennis, and unanimously voted to adjourn at 10:15 PM. Respectfully submitted, Norm Hanover.


Approved

8-15-2012
Date